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Operation Abolition

Last week (February 3, 1958) I quoted from an August 30, 1957, report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, to the effect that the communist party has set up over 200 front organizations to carry out the communists' campaign of political subversion in the United States. A principal purpose of the campaign is to eliminate the security system of the United States: to destroy all anti-communist laws and to stop all FBI and congressional investigations of communists.

I pointed out that the first objective of this communist campaign, destruction of America's anti-communist laws, has already been reached: Supreme Court decisions in 1956 and 1957 have made it virtually impossible for either state or federal governments to take any effective legal action, against individual communists or against the communist party itself.

On November 8, 1957, the House Committee on Un-American Activities released an official report called "Operation Abolition."

"Operation Abolition" deals with current communist efforts to complete the campaign for crippling America's efforts to protect herself against subversives.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities says that the campaign is spearheaded by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, a communist front, and that it has four distinct objectives:

- "1. Destruction of the House Committee on Un-American Activities;
- "2. Extinction of the investigative powers of the Congress in the field of subversive activities;
- "3. Restriction of important functions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the investigation of subversive activities; and
- "4. Creation of a general climate of opinion against the exposure and punishment of subversion."

In my discussion of communism last week, I explained how the communists—although a despised bunch of shabby people themselves—manage to get non-communists (liberals,

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dupes, do-gooders, politicians, and sympathizers) to do the real work of the party.

This feat is accomplished (in part) through a system of "official fronts," (that is, organizations whose communist-control is recognizable); and secondary fronts (that is, organizations which cannot be characterized as communist-controlled, and which may even appear to be anti-communist).

The communist party line is set in Moscow. It is announced in America by the communist party organization. The line is then filtered through the "official fronts" to the "secondary fronts," and from there to a multitude of respected organizations which do the real work of moulding public opinion.

Let's trace an actual example of this remarkable process.

As the House Committee on Un-American Activities November 8, 1957, report, "Operation Abolition," sets out, the communist campaign to cripple America's security system and to brainwash the public into opposing the exposure and punishment of subversion, is spearheaded by an official communist front, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

The Religious Freedom Committee is working hand-in-glove with the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, but the RFC operates one step above the ECLC — "above" in the sense that Religious Freedom Committee has not been officially classified as a communist front.

The Religious Freedom Committee's objectives are clearly stated in a letter which Janice M. Roberts, Secretary of the Committee, sent to the membership of the organization on December 27, 1957.

Miss Roberts says:

"Religious Freedom Committee... has worked for years to reform the Un-American Activities and

Eastland Committees — with almost no results. We are among the growing number who have come to realize that they cannot be reformed, and have taken the major step of advocating their abolition as the only sure way to stop their continuing defiance of the Bill of Rights.

"As you know, your Executive and Administrative Committees voted to make this campaign a major part of our program this year. . . .

"Our aim is to see the end of both the House and Senate bodies, but our first efforts must deal with the House Un-American Committee . . ."

It is fairly certain that neither the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, which is a known Communist front, nor the Religious Freedom Committee, whose objective is clearly identical with that of the communist party, could sell their ideas directly to very many sound Americans.

They don't really expect to. Their role is to filter the communist line into other organizations that can have profound influence on American thought.

The most active member of the Executive Committee of Religious Freedom Committee is Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Detroit. Dr. Crane, who has been associated with numerous communist causes for many years, is one of the most popular church speakers in Detroit. Thus, Dr. Crane's "message" can be spread not only from the pulpit of his own church, but from hundreds of other influential rostrums.

One extremely influential organization that makes a special point of getting Dr. Crane before a large and important audience every year is the Detroit Council of Churches.

Every year, the Council of Churches stages a special "Good Friday Service." They secure great auditoriums (usually, theaters) all over the city. Most of the biggest churches in

Detroit help to promote, through their own congregations, mass attendance at the Good Friday Service.

Every year for several years now, the preacher whom the Detroit Council of Churches honors as a principal speaker for the city-wide Good Friday Service is Dr. Henry Hitt Crane. His speech is always broadcast on radio and television.

Thus, countless hundreds of Christian clergymen and countless hundreds of Christian laymen can get Dr. Crane's "message," wrapped in the beguiling cloak of a Christian sermon.

The Detroit Council of Churches is an affiliate of the National Council of Churches. When you consider that the newly elected president of the National Council of Churches — Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg — has had his name associated with several communist causes; that one of the past presidents, and still active officials, of the National Council is Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, whose name has been associated with a score of communist causes; and that several other active officials of the National Council have been associated with communist causes — you can begin to see just how far the communist line can go, once the filtering process starts.

On January 13, 1958, *Time* magazine reported that the National Council of Churches is promoting a new "organized Protestant witness in Washington." This is a polite name for a mammoth, organized church lobby.

Dean Francis Sayre (prominent Episcopalian educator in Washington, nationally famous as a virulent "anti-McCarthyite," and also an official of the National Council of Churches) says that the National Council's "Protestant Witness" is not a lobby.

Dean Sayre says:

"What we are going to try to do is to throw into the discussion of national and world affairs down here what might be called ethical dimension."

What Dean Sayre might call the *ethical dimension* is what any objective observer would call a determined and undeviating stand for one-world socialism.

For years, the National Council of Churches has stood shoulder to shoulder with Walter Reuther and the extreme left-wing of unionism in agitating for Federal Aid to Education, foreign aid, all United Nations programs, expansion of government-owned electrical power producing facilities, extension of compulsory social security, and so on.

The official hierarchy of the National Council of Churches is solidly on record as opposed to what the communist party calls "mc-carthyism" and is hot for curbing the investigating powers of what the communists call the "House Un-American Committee."

Now, add to all of this the fact that the press seldom, if ever, mentions the National Council of Churches without reminding readers that the Council "speaks for 37,000,000 protestants in the United States" — and you can get some feeling of the power of this "church" organization which seems to work exclusively in the field of political agitation.

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Brotherhood with the Chinese Communists

On January 26, 1958, Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Nationalist China, Formosa) to the United States, made a speech at the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Tong alleged that "a minority of the Protestant clergymen and laymen in this country" have allowed themselves to become the victims of Chinese communist propaganda, by joining "in the agitation for the establishment of cooperative relations with the communist-controlled Christian churches in Red China."

Dr. Tong said:

"In the December 3, 1957, issue of the *Daily Worker*, former official organ of the United States Communist Party, I read these surprising words:

"Dr. Eugene Carson Blake predicted today that the National Council of Churches would arrange an exchange of visits with protestant leaders of (Red) China, whenever it appears that the Chinese churches themselves wish and are prepared for such a project' . . .

"I have no doubt that their intentions are good, but . . . unwittingly, they are playing the anti-Christ communist game. . . .

"It is true that organizations still exist in Red China which call themselves Christian churches. . . . But the tragedy is that they are not Christian, except in name. They are police agencies of the communist state. Former church members are allowed to preach, provided they accept the discipline and supervision of the atheist masters of the state. The texts of the sermons are handed to the preachers by the communist functionaries. . . .

"(Genuine Christians in Red China) are endeavoring, at the risk of liberty and life, to continue their Christian services in secret and hiding. . . .

"(To uproot true Christianity, the communist regime) has wiped out in less than a decade the missionary work done by Western Christians during the last one hundred years. It has confiscated and turned to political use the churches and institutions of the foreign missions in China, most of them paid for by the contributions of the American churches, including nickels and dimes given by American children."

Strangle Hold, as Predicted

The following is a quotation from Richard E. Byrd (the father of Senator Harry Byrd), Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates on March 3, 1910. The 16th, or Income-Tax, Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was pending at that time: Virginia never did ratify the Amendment.

"It (the 16th Amendment) means that the state must give up a legitimate and long established source of revenue and yield it to the Federal government.

"It means that the state actually invites the Federal government to invade its territory, to oust its jurisdiction and to establish Federal dominion within the innermost citadel of reserved rights of the Commonwealth.

"This amendment will do what even the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments did not do — it will extend the Federal power so as to reach the citizen in the ordinary business of life. A hand from Washington will be stretched out and placed upon every man's business; the eye of a Federal inspector will be in every man's counting house.

"The law will of necessity have inquisitorial features. It will provide penalties. It will create a complicated machinery.

"Under it, businessmen will be hauled into courts distant from their homes.

"Heavy fines imposed by distant and unfamiliar tribunals will constantly menace the taxpayer.

"An army of Federal inspectors, spies and detectives will descend upon the state. They will compel men of business to show their books and disclose the secrets of their affairs. They will dictate forms of bookkeeping. They will require statements and affidavits. On the one hand, the inspector can blackmail the taxpayer; and, on the other, he can profit by selling his secret to his competitor.

"When the Federal government gets a strangle hold on the individual businessman, state lines will exist nowhere but on the maps. Its agents will everywhere supervise the commercial life of the states. . . .

I am not willing by any voluntary act to give up revenue which the State of Virginia herself needs, nor to surrender that measure of states' rights which was, and the construction of the Federal courts have permitted to remain."

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Those Lincoln Day Blues

Mr. L. A. Delaney, 3917 Linden Avenue, Long Beach 7, California, received an invitation, from the Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles, to attend a Republican Party fund-raising Lincoln Day luncheon.

On January 14, 1958, Mr. Delaney sent the Committee the following reply, believing that, if large numbers of people would take a similar stand when solicited to support political parties, the total effect would soon be profound and wholesome:

"I have voted Republican all of my voting career, but since the so-called modern Republicans have taken control of the party and do, in my opinion, continue to lead our great nation into a socialistic state and a one-world government under the communist dominated U.N., I will support only those candidates who actively endorse the following platform:

- "1. Repeal of the 16th Amendment, re-establish a sound and stable dollar by adoption of the H. J. RES. 355.
- "2. Restore the independence of the United States. Get out of the U.N. and get the U.N. out of the U. S. End all treaties and executive agreements which supersede the Constitution.
- "3. Maintain peace with honor. Enter no more vain and futile foreign wars. Protect the western hemisphere by keeping the Monroe Doctrine. Maintain an overwhelming air power.
- "4. Recover the Constitutional rights of the 48 States and the people. Federal officials must obey their oath of office, to support the Con-

stitution, including Articles IX and X of the Bill of Rights.

- "5. Eradicate socialism in America. Support Congressional investigations into communist-socialist activities. Uphold the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. Withdraw diplomatic recognition of communist countries. Abolish monopoly and special privileges in business, labor and government. End compulsory unionism. Stop and eliminate Federal interference with state and local schools.

"This letter is in answer to your invitation to attend the 1958 Lincoln Day Luncheon, in which you state the program will be based on our Party's responsibilities as 'trustees of the great American Heritage FREEDOM.' It is my opinion that both the Republican and Democrat parties have violated that responsibility in their apparent blind march toward Socialism and Internationalism."

Mr. W. H. Kellogg, 1322 Avenue O, Huntsville, Texas, also received an invitation to a Republican Party Lincoln-Day fund-raising affair.

On January 27, 1958, Mr. Kellogg wrote the following letter to Mr. H. J. Porter, State Republican Chairman, 4019 Montrose Blvd., Houston, Texas:

"I am highly flattered in being invited to the \$100.00-per-plate dinner honoring the Honorable Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

"Please reserve me one ticket, payment for which depends upon receipt of favorable replies to this appeal being sent also to Speaker Martin, our Honorable Senators and GOP leaders.

"By way of apology for my past reactionary views and to prove that I now merit your cordial invitation to break bread with the modern progressives, I must explain the incident that brought about my conversion.

"I manage certain lands, parts of which, in the past, some Negro neighbors have been allowed to cultivate as tenants. Knowing how little cash any

small farm enterprise yields, for several years I had asked little or no rent of these tenants. Then I noticed that these small patches of land were being left idle and concluded that, even with no rent payments, our poor neighbors just couldn't make it pay. Recalling my own days of walking behind a mule and a plow, my heart was full of pity and Christian charity.

"Quite by accident, however, I discovered that, in at least two cases, the tenants had included these acres of ours with their own, and were being paid by the rest of us (i. e., the government) for not doing anything at all with this land they did not own. One man's check was for several hundred dollars, just for not growing anything on our land.

"Obviously an old-fashioned American Republican or Democrat is just out of step with the times. I might just as well join up, I guess, and maybe this \$100.00-per-plate dinner is the proper way to start. But I will need your help along with that of others to whom this letter is being sent.

"You see there is quite a lot of land I do not own too, and I do nothing with every acre of it. All told, the acres that I do not own, and do nothing with, run into uncalculated millions. I do not even know how to start to figure how much our Government owes me; but I'm sure it's important enough to justify my calling on Bernard Baruch to advise me. Or does Mr. Baruch limit his advice only to our various Presidents and not bother with mere precinct chairmen of our two parties?

"Would the GOP honor a draft for \$100.00 on the billions that I have coming to me from the Treasury? If you can push this through the Congress by February 10, the date of the dinner, I pledge myself to bring nearly all of several counties to this dinner— if ex-Democrats as well as ex-Republicans would be welcome.

"If I thought Congress would extend credit to me as they do to the British and Israel, I would beg this crumb of them. However, this could never be, since I do still cling to certain shreds of my reactionary past in being for American Independence and

against World Federation. Maybe I can learn, though.

"To indicate how hard I'm trying to learn, I recently attended a Council meeting of my Church where the delegates continued to support the National and World Councils of Churches —of Christ (as they usually add). These super-church organizations, you know, working with and through various front organizations, urge upon the Congress all sorts of political action in the name of Christianity. Thus, they do good by taking money and property by the full force of 'government' from some people and giving it to people they decide must need it more than those who earned and saved it.

"I will continue my Church attendance and also my study of the Bible and Karl Marx and try my very best to reconcile the two, and to subdue certain so-called Christian training with which I was indoctrinated in my early youth. Maybe I can yet bring myself to steal the hundred dollars from someone I feel has more than I but, in the meantime, I must save what I have— for income tax time is just around the corner.

"I do appreciate being invited to the dinner. There is so much more I could learn by sitting at the feet of the masters.

"Your help and suggestions as to how I may do so will be appreciated. Thanks millions!"

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What Can I Do?

The letters of Mr. Delaney and Mr. Kellogg, quoted above, provide some good answers to the questions which thousands of Americans are asking: What can I do?

If you have the viewpoint of Mr. Delaney and Mr. Kellogg, you can refuse to support — with money or votes — political candidates or political parties, or other organizations, who do not stand solidly for your principles.

That negative action could have tremendous effect. But it is not enough. You must find and support political candidates who will stand for your principles. Inasmuch as there is no major political party to offer a slate of candidates who will stand honestly for American constitutional principles, you must help to create and build such a party.

But before you can have effective political action, you must have widespread political education. In practically every major political campaign, there are good constitutionalists who offer themselves for election; but they are generally defeated, because there are not enough who know enough, or care enough, to reject the well-known political candidates and support the good men.

We could learn an important lesson from the extreme left wing.

The National Committee For A Sane Nuclear Policy, 202 East 44th Street, New York 16, New York, is running a series of huge newspaper ads all over the United States. I have before me a three-quarter page ad which this Committee ran in the Medford, Oregon, *Mail Tribune* on January 13, 1958.

The ad has a scare headline which reads: "We are facing a Danger Unlike any danger that has ever existed."

The text is devoted to sensational comment about the armaments race between the United States and the Soviet Union — every paragraph hammering the theme that the race will end in the extermination of all human life: if we don't do something.

The *something* that the Committee wants us to do is simple: we must stop developing and testing nuclear weapons; and we must convert the United Nations into a one-world government strong enough to enforce disarmament upon the United States and the Soviet Union.

That, of course, would put an end to the United States of America as an independent Republic.

Who do you suppose signs this newspaper ad as members of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy? Why, a batch of the most notorious communist-fronters and extreme left-wingers in the United States!

What can constitutionalists and patriots learn from all this?

WHO IS DAN SMOOT?

Dan Smoot was born in Missouri. Reared in Texas, he attended SMU in Dallas, taking BA and MA degrees from that university in 1938 and 1940.

In 1941, he joined the faculty at Harvard as a Teaching Fellow in English, doing graduate work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the field of American Civilization.

In 1942, he took leave of absence from Harvard in order to join the FBI. At the close of the war, he stayed in the FBI, rather than return to Harvard.

He served as an FBI Agent in all parts of the nation, handling all kinds of assignments. But for three and a half years, he worked exclusively on communist investigations in the industrial midwest. For two years following that, he was on FBI headquarters staff in Washington, as an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover.

After nine and a half years in the FBI, Smoot resigned to help start the Facts Forum movement in Dallas. As the radio and television commentator for Facts Forum, Smoot, for almost four years spoke to a national audience giving both sides of great controversial issues.

In July, 1955, he resigned and started his own independent program, in order to give only one side — the side that uses fundamental American principles as a yardstick for measuring all important issues. Smoot now has no support from, or connections with, any other person or organization. His program is financed entirely from sales of his weekly publication, *The Dan Smoot Report*.

If you believe that Dan-Smoot is providing effective tools for those who want to think and talk and write on the side of freedom, you can help immensely by subscribing, and encouraging others to subscribe, to *The Dan Smoot Report*.

In this big newspaper ad are three blocks, outlined in heavy black lines. One block contains a letter addressed to President Eisenhower — calling upon him to support the objectives of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. The reader is urged to clip the letter, sign his own name and address, and mail it to the President. Another block is a memo addressed to the Committee, and gives the reader a convenient opportunity to send money to the Committee and request further information.

The third block is captioned "What you can do." The text in this block says:

"1. What you say and what you do make public opinion. Let the people who serve you in public office know of your apprehensions and your hopes. Above all, make your ideas known to the President of the United States.

"2. You can join the signers of this statement.

"3. You can help make it possible for this statement and other statements like it to appear in newspapers throughout the country and the world.

"4. You can talk to your friends and neighbors about the points in this message. You can discuss these matters in your church or synagogue, your club, your school, your union."

In other words, the communist frontiers and the extreme left-wingers, who have proven

that they know how to get things done, concentrate on *political pressure* and *political education* — knowing that if they get enough individual Americans agreeing with them, and stirred to action, the *political action* will come automatically.

That is what patriots must do.

When you know of a radio or TV program or a publication that applies sound constitutional principles to the discussion of current events, there is plenty that you as an individual can do.

You can encourage the sponsors of that radio or TV program, by buying their products and letting them know why. You can subscribe to the publication and get others to subscribe. And you can *talk* — to the people you know and have dealings with. Talk to them about the ideas and facts and principles expressed in the broadcasts and publications you like — and get them to listening, and reading, and talking.

This is the only possible way to create in America the "climate of public opinion" which is absolutely necessary before we can have effective political action to restore freedom and constitutional government.

If you do not keep a permanent file of *The Dan Smoot Report*, please mail this copy to a friend who is interested in sound government.

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